



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Group Art Unit: 2633
Examiner: Quan Zhen Wang**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Paul F. Christopher)
Serial No. : 09/986,057)
Filed : November 7, 2001)
For : BROADBAND COMMUNICATION)
FOR SATELLITE-GROUND OR)
AIR-GROUND LINKS AT INFRARED)
WAVELENGTHS (As Amended))
Attorney Ref. : 16847.002)
AMENDMENT
May 12, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed January 12, 2006, together with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition to extend by one (1) month the period for response to the Office Action. Please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the following:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2; and

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 hereof.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (if applicable)

I hereby certify that this Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 on this May 12, 2006 and addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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